

ABSTRACT

A system management method is disclosed for associating a process object and a process with each node in a tree structure, and operating each node based on the tree structure so as to manage the process object and the process, including: registering a registered user that performs operations for a general node corresponding to the process object or for a function node corresponding to the process; setting the function node as a child node of the general node corresponding to the process object for which the process corresponding to the function node should be performed, and setting the general node as a parent node of the function node; setting registered user operation authority for each registered user; and, when execution of the process corresponding to the function node is requested by the registered user, causing the function node to execute the process only when the process is permitted by the registered user operation authority, of the registered user requesting the process, set in the general node that is a parent node of the function node.